[Richd Smith to His Excel<sup>cys</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Sim Lee, Esq<sup>r</sup>]

September 4

The Bearer M<sup>r</sup> Francis Darnell has an inclination to enter into the Army, his friends will be much obligd to you for y<sup>r</sup> interest in assisting him to an Ensigns Commission.

[W. Smallwood, Annapolis to Governor Lee]

September 5 Brown Book

I shall be glad you will give an Order for Cap<sup>n</sup> Lynn to receive No. 2 what specie is now in the Treasury for thirteen Officers of the fourth Regiment—now about to march.

[Jas. Calhoun, Com<sup>9</sup> Gen. W. Shore, Baltimore, to the Gov. & Council.]

September 5

I wrote to you the 3<sup>d</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> to which refer Notwithstanding the very great demand that will be on us in a few days for Provisions I fear the County Commissaries are not making the necessary collection of Cattle M<sup>r</sup> Griffith has done nothing in that business yet and says it is not in his power to procure them by Seizure without a number of people to assist him. I cannot devise any mode of carrying this business into effect without Your ordering some part of the Militia on this Service.

There will be near 3000 Horse & Oxen through here in a few days including the French, which will consume a very large quantity of Forage and it is not in my power to procure a sufficiency for new money. It was with great difficulty I got 200 Bushels of Corn this morning for that money and that by threatning to seize unless the owner would consent to part with it on those terms. I have wrote to Mr Beall at George Town to lay in a supply of forage there but cannot say whether he will be able to effect it please forward him some Money for that purpose what I have would go a very little way if it passed freely

[Joseph Dashiell, Worcester County to Gov. Lee.]

September 5

I am sorry to Inform you that but very few of Those Draughts & Substitutes that Deserted are yet apprehended. So few that we have thought it not worth while to send them except we Can git more, You will see by my returns by Cap<sup>t</sup> McClaster who Carried up the men from heare that among the Inlistment their is a Ceartin Thomas Dickenson Inlisted During the war, this young man was sick when our other men marched, since he has got well & the Sheriff of Somerset has taken him into Custody & I am informed he is Indighted for Joining the Enemy sum time past. That he was with the Enemy I have no doubt But I verily believe it was to please a Vile Tory father that he went at all. I submit it to your Excellency, whether an Noli proseque had not better Isshuw that we may have the use of the man, he is a very young man and I am Certain they have One hundred